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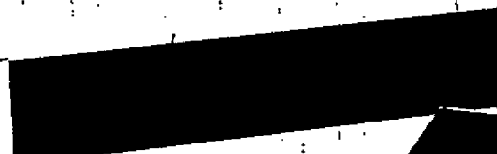
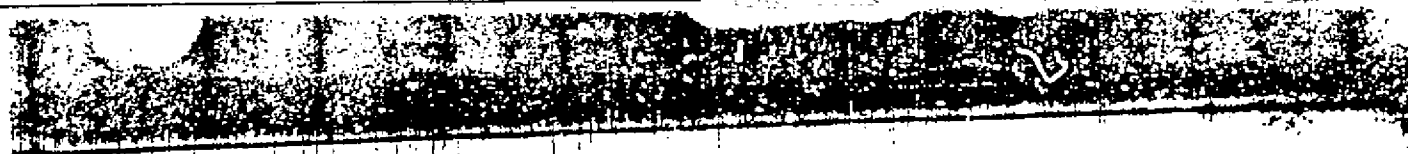
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[REDACTED] The Chilean government's announcement that it will revoke the **decree** creating the notorious secret police, the National Intelligence Directorate, should help **improve** its human rights image. President **Pinochet** had been under fire from civilian and **military** officials **for** months to curb **DINA's** absolute powers.

[REDACTED] Some of **DINA's** police powers presumably will be **as-**
sumed by the **Carabineros** and, [REDACTED] a
National Information Center will be formed to gather **intelli-**
gence "to safeguard national security." Some armed forces in-
telligence units have also been responsible for the **abusas**
that have occurred in Chile; **it** is not yet **clear** whether they
are affected by the shakeup. [REDACTED]

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CHILE: THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WILL REVOKE THE DECREE CREATING THE NOTORIOUS SECRET POLICE. THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE, SHOULD HELP IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE. PRESIDENT PINOCHET HAD BEEN UNDER FIRE FROM CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS FOR MONTHS TO CURE DINA'S ABSOLUTE POWERS.

SOME OF DINA'S POLICE POWERS WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE CARABINEROS AND THE JUDICIAL POLICE. A NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER WILL BE FORMED TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE "TO SAFEGUARD NATIONAL SECURITY." IT WILL NOT HAVE ARREST POWERS.

SOME ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE UNITS HAVE ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABUSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN CHILE; IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THEY ARE AFFECTED BY THE SHAKE-UP.